My grandma used to sit and knit from morning till the night, With her needles glancing, glancing, when the sun was shining bright, She knitted stockings for us all, and all of us agreed That she'd find a satisfaction fitting out a centipede. I used to watch her often then, and note her kindly smile And wender if in heaven above she'd knit 'most all the while.

And say, "Now, sin't you weary?" and she'd answer; "Doar, depend

If I just keep knitting, knitting, I am sure to reach the end."

I've walked a tollsome way, have shaken bands with Care: I have supped at times with Pleasure, and have found her board was bare, I have fainted in the struggle, and my heart has made its plea: "Dear God, a chance to rest a time were heaven enough for me." I have tolled and striven valuey, and the journey seems so long, And I judge that I am vanquished in the battle of the strong; Yet I still take heart of courage, for I hear, while shadows bend: "If you just keep knitting, knitting, you are sure to reach the end." -Alfred J. Waterhouse in New York Times.



His "Lucky" Penny =

"Heads, I ask her; tails, I don't." Luther flipped his old penny in the air and caught it deftly in its downward flight. He gazed at his closed flat in some trapidation, then opened it cautiously.

"Gosh! it's heads," he cried. was hoping it might be talla."

But the die was cast. It was Luther's habit thus to leave matters of moment to the decision of his lucky penny.

He thrust the coin in his pocket and went on brushing his hair.

"Heads," he whispered, gloomily. Heads."

The prospects of Luther Chubbfinancial, not matrimonial-were good. Had not Uncle Bildad considerately, if unexpectedly, died and left him the farm?

While Bildad Chubb had lived and Luther lived with him in the rather ambiguous relation of favorite nephew and hardest-worked hired man, the charms of Myrtle Gillet had seemed an all-sufficient desideratum for future hopes in Luther's view of eventful matrimony.

Miss Gillett was plump and possessed of some facial beauty, together with characteristics of independence and hustling ability. And she favored Luther.

But with the accession of worldly resources came hesitation on the part of Luther, and from Myrtle a letter of most sympathetic condolence and unmistakable personal interest.

Luther had involved himself by no proposition. Undoubtedly, he could do better. Still people expected it. His attentions had been regular, if not serious, and, after all, it would pain him to lose Myrtle. She had admir-

Luther's ideas, which had soared temporarily above the Gillett connection, came down with rapidity. He guessed there was no other way. His lucky penny had settled it.

He spatted his hair viciously and prepared to set out for Gillett's, a mile

down the road. The sun was behind the hills when he tramped up the grass-grown path

and beheld Myrtle seated in the wide porch-a fair picture in her white dress, with the fading light softening her strong features. "Why, Luther Chubb, who'd have

thought of you coming over to-night?" she greeted, in feigned astonishment. "Kind of felt like it," responded Luther, with equal mendacity. "Knew you wouldn't expect me. How's your

father?" "O, pretty fair for him." "Ain't getting along very well late-

ly, I hear. Too bad." Well, the old place isn't what it was, you know, Luther. Hope we



"I wouldn't marry you if you were the last man on earth!"

won't have to pick up and move over to Fernalde. He's talking of it." "I wouldn't do that."

"Why not?" Myrtle edged a little nearer. "That is-no use of your going, 1

guess."

Miss Gillett sighed softly and looked

"Thinks I'm easy," reflected Luter. "I guess Ill make her feel it's some obligation."

"Myrtle," he began, after a moment of silence, "do you think----

"Think that 'marriage is a lottery?" Miss Gillett faced about in the gathering dusk.

"I-don't-know," in a queer tone. Chubb laughed.

"Neither do I," he said. "Don't know what to think. Maybe I wouldn't mind taking a chance. I suppose I'll



Luther plunged wildly about.

come to it some time. Not 'specially anxious, though."

In the dark he could not see the girl's eyes.

"I'm fixed to do about as I please now," went on Luther. "But I are old friends, and people sort of expect it, you know. Folks don't want you to move away. Say, Myrtle, suppose I flip up my lucky penny-heads, we get married; tails, we don't. Eh?"

"All right," said the girl, quietly; 'go ahead."

Luther chuckled.

"Guess I'll end her misery," he thought, feeling a sudden sense of shame, and he carefulyly adjusted the coin in his hand, head up, with a cautious finger. A quick pretense of tossing, a catching slap.

"I'll have to strike a match," observed Chubb, coolly. "Now!"

Holding the light in his left hand he peered in apparent anxiety into his right palm. "Heads," he whispered merrily.

'Don't say you ain't lucky, Myrtle." Turning to draw her to him, he met a fierce push and fell back in amaze-

ment. "Lucky! I wouldn't marry you if you were the last man on earth. Lucky! Yes, I am, to have found you out! Take your hat, Luther Chubb, and go home, and don't you dare to ever

speak to me again. Go!" 'Why-why," gasped the discomfit-

ed lover, "I thought-But the woman was past him and inside, angrily slamming the door and locking it.

Luther rose, dazed and overwhelmed. Slowly he walked across the road, climbed the fence and trod on through the high, wet gran, ablivious to the fact that he was wearing his new shoes

The glamor of wealth nad departed from him. He was no longer the prosperous, envied heir of Uncle Bildad, the man upon whom fortune had so richly amiled.

He was only the country boy who had thought every night for two years of Myrtle Gillett-every night until that fateful one when his unclo died, and his head had been turned.

"Myrtle-why, of course, there could be no other-never has beer. Without

Luther groaned and stumbled on, hating himself and cursing.

Surely there was no reason for breaking out like that, not even giving

him a chance to explain. Didn't she tell him to go ahead? Who ever supposed good-humored, fun-loving Myrtle Gillett couldn't take a joke? No, he had lost her-lost her:

How dark it was in the woods What? Was he stepping in water? Yes, and mud-mud. He must have strayed into Dyer's swamp. If he should get tuto one of those mires!

Luther plunged wildly about, feeling for firmer ground and becoming more and more confused. That was the way-no-this. "Help!"

The frightened cry pealed out in the gloom. Going down, down. Now he screamed, knowing what it meant. Gillett's cow had gone the same way.

Almost unconscious with horror and weakness, his breath nearly gone, he wailed feebly, "Myrtle, Myrtlel O-n-h, Myrtle!"

There he is, father! Hurry! for heaven's sake, hurry!" "Where, girl? Where?"

"Yonder! Just his head! The rope, quick. Around my waist, so. Throw in some brush for footing. Now! Hold this lantern, mother!"

An oozy, pushing slide, a gleam of white arms in the flickering light. "I've got him! Pull, both of you!"

Half the girl's face was in the slime but she never let go. Slowly the forlorn objects were dragged to the little line of turf; then up the bank to "Come!" said old Gillett huskily,

gathering up the rope and lanterns, 'let's get out o' this. Can you walk, boy? That's it, lean on Myrtle. Good thing she heard you holler and routed us out."

As they turned, Luther thrust a clammy hand in his pocket, extracted his fist with difficulty, and threw something from him with a gesture of disgust. It struck with a spat in the very place which had so nearly terminated his earthly career.

"What's that?" asked Mrs. Gillett. "My lucky penny," replied Luther, with some strength in his tone.

"I wonder if it fell 'heads' or 'tails." laughed Myrtle, squeezing his arm .-Elliott Walker in Utica Globe.

Pay of Turkish Ministers.

A Turkish Ministerial portfolio is a sort of gold-mine to the holder. It is not the Vizier, however, who holds the richest claim, though his salary is \$66,000 a year, which is also that of the entire West. the War Minister. The "plum" of Turkish officials is the Admiralty, which is worth \$84,000 a year, and the present holder is stated to have amassed a fortune of \$12,000,000. The Minister of Foreign Affairs has \$44,000, and finance comes next with a thousand lower, financial ability being apparently esteemed in inverse ratio to the need for it. The lowest salary is that of the Minister of Mines. though it is rather higher than that of the Premier of Great Britain. The sum is \$27,800.

Her New Vocabulary. ossessed a mind discerning. That was stored and crammed with learning.

And her thoughts, forever burning, She could suitably express. All her sentences were counseled And her words imposing sounded; I was really quite astounded As I listened, I confess.

It was rather an infliction. All this verbal unrestriction,
But her elegance of diction.
Each precise and polished phrase,
And the beautiful selection
Of the words and their connection And her most correct inflection

They were quite beyond all praise. But I saw her very lately, And she did not talk ornately; All that language suave and stately She no longer kept on tap. She was saying "Beasums diddums! Where he bad old pin got hiddums, In his musser's p'clous kiddums," 'To the baby in her lap.

Armour's idea of Time. When Philip D. Armour engaged a

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So on the day following he came at 8 o'clock, with the same result.

Determined to be on hand before his boss, he came at 7:30 the next day, only to be greeted by Mr. Armour with the question:

"Young man, will you tell me what you do with your forenoons?"-New York Times.

Yale Changes Athletic Rule. Yale has done away with her rule requiring of men representing the college in athletic, literary or musical lines that they maintain a standing 12.5 per cent higher than that exacted from other students. Moreover, the literary men will not be disqualifled for the literary organs of the callege by being under warning for low standing.

At Drowsyville

"We used to miss that sucommoda tion train every morning." "What do you do now that they

have taken it off?" "Why, we miss it more than ever," SUNDAY SCHOOL PILGRIMAGE

Mammoth Excursion to the Holy Land Planned for Next Year.

Full one year in advance, pressure odations on the ship that is to take the Sunday school workers of America and England to the Holy Land is so great that restrictive conditions, amended and curtailed, have had to be issued. In March of next year, 850 Sunday school experts are to sail, and after brief stops at Gibraltar and Athens, will go to Constantinople. They next enter upon a tour of the Holy Land, and proceeding to Jerusaiem, will hold a world Sunday school convention in a big tent, to be pitched just without the Damascus gate. This convention will be the fourth to be held, the first one having been held in London in 1889, the second in St. Louis in 1893, and the third in London in

The Jerusalem convention being over, trips will be made in Egypt, and the return journey will take in Italy, France and England, where, in Liverpool, many of the delegates will attend the gathering of the Presbyterian and Reformed churches of the world. Indications are that not many Americans will go abroad this year, but that next year the travel of ministers and religious leaders in that direction will be enormous.

The Great Chautauqua Work.

The original Chautauqua has now multiplied to about sixty, held in all ections of the country, but the mother institution continues to lead. Last year, at the lake resort in western New York, there was adopted a weekly topic scheme and it is to be followed this year. Beginning on July 13th, there will be seven of these weeks, as follows: Civic, woman's, missionary, the liquor problem, popular education, employers and employes, and, finally the spiritual. The school is to be enlarged, especially the arts and crafts and the fine arts, and the musical department strengthened. The feature of this, the thirtisth annual session, will be the colebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the literary and scien-tific circle, that pioneer of those reading courses which have been adopted by many religious interests, and which have come to number readers all over the world. There will be a dedication of a new grove, made necessary beoriginal Chautauqua has always been visited in vast numbers by people from the South, the Southwest, and

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"Border Memories," by Marion Muir Richardson, is one of the sesson's new books. It is published by the Reed Publishing Company, Denver, Colo.

"Dees Smithers belong to the lodge?" "He thinks the whole shooting match belongs to kim."

Keep Your Eye

On the summy San Luis valley, for it is going to be a winner this year. You will have full information from time to time in these columns.

The Colorado Bureau of Immigra-tion, 616 Majestic Building, Denver,

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